



Holy Redeemer Parish Indaba

Sunday 19th April 2009

AGENDA

- **Welcome and objective**
- **Parish Pastoral Council update**
- **Parish Finances situation**
- **2008 Parish Survey feedback**
- **Parish Priests Update**
- **Youth feedback**
- **Questions & Answers – open session**

Parish Pastoral Council

- 2008 review – building, activities, pastoral plan
- 2009 election results – council structure
 - Special thanks to Sheila Pollard, Tony Herman, Matthew Davids who served on the committee over past years.
- Plans for 2009/10
 - focus on building loan reduction
 - faith enrichment participation by more parishioners
- Members Portfolio's

Parish Council Members

- **Fr Martin – President/Convenor**
- **Assistant Parish Priest & Deacons – ex Officio**
- **Ministry Reps: Catechetics – Aldina, Youth – Wanika, SVP – Rory, Music – John, Liturgy – Fr Cecil, Care & Support – Jean, Faith Enrichment – Pat, Maintenance – Tony**
- **3 Elected members: Pat Moolenschot, Jean Ronan and Lynn Maggott**
- **Parish Priest nominees: Paddy Milner, Bernard Kohler**

Parish Finance Council

- **Manages budget and planning of parish finances.**
- **Council now led by Sean Paterson who took over from Mick Freeman after 4 years of service to parish.**
- **Annual Budget of R1.2m required to run parish**
- **Current status is break even (excl Building fundraising) with no reserves for building maintenance.**
- **Building debt is around R800k**
- **Planned Giving renewal campaign in May/June**

2008 Parish Survey feedback

Key areas of concern

- Youth
- Humility
- Community spirit
- Spiritual enrichment activities for adults and/ or youth
- Constant talk of money
- Lack of a personal approach between parishioners and priests / Lack of pastoral visits

Miscellaneous Feedback / Suggestions

- Use of the hymn number boards and only use hymn books
- Make garden into a big parking lot
- More family days
- More PPC feedback to parish
- Sermons: more spiritual and Bible based teachings. Not history-based

Miscellaneous Feedback / Suggestions contd

- More encouragement given to those who stand at the back of the church during Mass
- Communion to be distributed row by row
- More advertising opportunities given to groups & ministries
- All priests are to use the microphones as some are inaudible especially for the elderly

Building Fund Feedback

- Reasons for the building seem unclear
- Support from parishioners is mainly by way of collections and fundraising events
- Tour opportunities
- Concerns of the cost involved: too expensive?

General Feedback and Conclusion

- Most parishioners are happy with the work of the PPC
- Parishioners are supportive and encouraging of the work that has taken place and the works in progress
- Many liked the opportunity for feedback
- Only 64 replies to the survey were received
- Preferred feedback method: Survey / Indaba ??

What has already been done

- Communion is being distributed row by row
- A new “white” book is being compiled with all groups’ music to do away with hymn sheets
- More social events taking place: big events and after Mass social activities
- Ministries have advertising opportunities available to them—it’s their initiative to use it
- Y2C has been established for young adults and Café is in process for teenagers after Youth Alpha

What has already been done, contd

- **Some catechism classes have been moved to different times and days**
- **Social badminton has started for a social sporting opportunity—all ages welcome**
- **The plea for money has significantly decreased even though funds are still being raised**

Parish Priests Update

- Shortage of priests in the Parish
- Dependency on committed lay leadership
- Training for lay leadership
- Work of evangelisation within/without Parish. Programme of cooperation
- Strengthening of family life
- Continued outreach to the poor

Youth

- **KICK – Junior youth, Fri 6-8pm during term**
- **Y2C – Young confirmed adults, 2nd Sunday evenings aims at exploring faith in a fun environment.**
- **Youth ALPHA – Introduction to Christianity for teenagers.**
- **CAFÉ – New ‘post ALPHA’ catholic faith exploration for young adults – in process of launching**

Q&A

